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PETITION AND FEE FOR EXTENSION OF TIME 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)

1.	This is a petit	This is a petition for an extension of time for a total period of three months to respon					
	the Office Action dated July 28, 2005.						
2.	Applicant is		a small entity;	\boxtimes	other than a small entity.		

Calculation of extension fee (37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)(1)-(a)(5)): 3.

> Fee for Other Than Total Months Small Entity Requested \$1,020.00 Three months

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A check in the amount of \$	is enclosed.

 \boxtimes Charge Deposit Account No. 16-0605 for the extension fee of \$1.020.00.

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